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Subject: Telecommunication tower - MPC Use on review File No. 4-J-08-UR

Mr. Donaldson:

I live at 2018 Martha Berry Drive, west of the proposed telecommunication tower site located at 6242 Grove Drive. I am against this tower and have some concerns for you to consider in your evaluation of this proposal:

This tower will devalue most of the neighboring properties.

Will U.S. Cellular Corporation or its' successors be required to remove the tower in event technology renders the tower obsolete?

What is the area the tower will serve? It would seem a location on Sharps' Ridge away from a residential area would adequately serve the area.

Would the approval of the tower location in a residential area make it easier for other cell phone carriers to seek out similar sites in other residential areas?

I appreciate your consideration of the above.

Thank you - John C. Longmire

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Fountain City Town Hall, Inc

Dear Commisioners,

Re: Use on Review of a 90 ft. monopole telecommunication tower-Agenda item #64

Fountain City Town Hall has significant concerns about the Use on Review at 6242 Grove Dr.

We appreciated Mr. Burton, a representative of U.S. Cellular, sharing information regarding the sight and being available to answer questions.

We asked Mr. Burton to consider a 4 week postponement to explore a better location, but he said the project manager had already looked at all locations.

Mr. Burton also said he had been informed several neighbors had called MPC expressing concerns about the project but declined to give their names.

Our board is concerned that there are issues that the neighbors need to have addressed.

Until signs went up, Fountain City Town Hall was unaware of the project.

We feel a postponement would give Fountain City Town Hall and US Cellular time to meet with neighbors and discuss all issues.

The neighbors deserve to "see" what a tower 20 feet above the tree line would look like. Perhaps during the postponement, a balloon could be put up to allow all neighbors to get a better idea of the impact.

Because this is clearly a residential area and maintenance trucks for routine service will be coming deep into a neighborhood, we need time to discuss this effect on the neighborhood.

Our major issues include, but are not limited to, aesthetics, appropriateness for the neighborhood, and loss of property values.

The Knoxville City Wireless Communication Facilities Plan of 2002, which is a guideline for placement and appearance of wireless communication facilities, addresses "avoidance areas". Mr. Perry, the MPC consultant, states that the tower location in an R-1 zoned area would normally be an avoidance area, according to the wireless communication facility plan, because it is located on a ridgetop and in a low density residential area. Mr. Perry goes on to say the avoidance area is "off set" by using a stealth type structure. As a board, we feel the avoidance

area is still a very important issue.

The way neighborhoods lose their character and strength over time is by repeated changes that gradually erode the residential fabric. When you think of making land-use changes, you must ask, "Is it worth the risk of changing the fabric of that neighborhood?"

Every single land-use change has an impact and this proposed use on review is a change that has the potential to weaken the fabric of this neighborhood.

In addition, the use on review is subject to all general standards for a use on review. In particular, the use should be compatible with the character of the neighborhood, and the use will not significantly injure the value of adjacent property.

Due to so many unresolved questions, we feel a postponement is a very reasonable request to give time to discuss these issues.

We would appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, Jamie Rowe
Interim Chair, Fountain City Town Hall, Inc
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